

Staiger, Kimberly

From: Staiger, Kimberly
Sent: Thursday, January 4, 2018 11:04 AM
To: Miele, Janette; Wilk, John; Zachos, George
Cc: Thomas, Derval; DeMatteis, Marion
Subject: RPL 18415 (Northport Middle School Environmental Concerns) FY18-164976-3800-CV, DECA 18-36

Hello Janette,

I spoke with Ms. Mackay yesterday to address most of her concerns and let her know that I'll also be responding in writing once I receive some additional information. I'm currently waiting for the Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds for the Northport school to provide an archived report on the chlordane remediation performed in the late 1980s. I'm also waiting to discuss the pre-remedial assessment of the neighboring VA hospital with the pre-remedial group.

I'll copy you on the future response.

Thank you,
Kim

From: mieles.janette@epa.gov <miele.janette@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, December 18, 2017 3:19 PM
To: Wilk, John; Staiger, Kimberly; Zachos, George
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Subject: FWD: (Investigations/Other - FY18-164976-3800-CV) Regional Tip and/or Complaint - New York
12/18/2017
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HQ LEAD NUMBER: FY18-164976-3800-CV

SUBJECT: Regional Tip and/or Complaint - New York

FROM: taramackey16@gmail.com

TO: mieles.janette@epa.gov

Name: Northport Middle School Parents- Tara Mackey

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City: northport

State: New York

Zip: 11768

Phone: 516=633-3795

Alleged Violator's Name: Northport East Northport School District

Alleged Violator's Address: Northport Middle School -(Middleville School) 11 Middleville Road Northport, NY 11768

Alleged Violator's City: Northport

Alleged Violator's State: New York

Alleged Violator's Zip: 11768

Tip or Complaint: There are many parents in our community that are concerned with the health and safety of our children and teachers in the Northport Middle School. There is a long, well documented history of serious environmental hazards in and around the building. Northport Middle School (formerly known as Middleville School). 11 Middleville Road, Northport, NY 11768 Superintendent: Robert Banzer 631-262-6604 1) A bus depot for the entire school district is attached to this building. There are also diesel fuel tanks on site. It has been asked in school records, for over 20 years, that this depot be relocated for health and safety reasons. Children and teachers have reported complaints regarding bus exhaust for decades. It makes them nauseous, lightheaded and gives them headaches. Many children have recently tested with high levels of carbon monoxide in their blood. (Carboxyhemoglobin) We can provide medical proof of this. 2) Chlordane concern- This pesticide was found in the soil up against several classrooms. It was noted in reports from 1984 and 2001. It was recommended that soil should be removed at a deeper level and then possible cement work may be needed to rectify. We could find no records that this was done. 3) Improperly stored Volatile Organic Compounds- Stored in a warehouse under the "K" wing of this school. There was a spill/leak of some kind on April 24, 2017. Benzenes, Butanone and P&M Xylenes were discovered and elevated levels. Since this occurred, people are coming forward with Leukemia/Aplastic Anemia/ITP. These are all former students of this building. Benzene exposure is known to cause changes to bone marrow which can lead to blood cancers and anemia. 4) This school is built on land that meets up to the land of a former Superfund site, Northport Veterans Administration Medical Center. The district is now excavating land just feet from the classrooms, to install a new track and tennis court.

Specific Directions: Since June 2017, parents and teachers have contacted: D.E.C.- 10/4/17- (Denise Schwartz) NYS Dept Health-Albany- Mike Hughes Suffolk County Dept Health- Janet Gremler NYS Dept Of ED- Martin Crowley OSHA PESH All local assemblymen and legislatures Betsy Devos-U.S. Secretary of Education Attorney General- Eric Schneiderman Former Congressman, Tom Downey Newsday, News 12, Fios, Observer Newspaper and most recently Eyewitness News All local Pediatricians and Pediatric Specialists

Violation Still Occurring? Yes

State DEP/DEQ/DEM Notified? Yes